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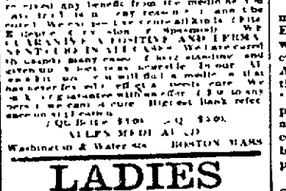

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A MOUNTAIN BRIGAND.

By ALFRED R. CALHOUN.

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CHAPTER I.

As a people the southern mountaineers are not mercenary and whether fighting on the side of the Union or the side of secession compensation was with them a secondary consideration. In the Union army they were better fed and better clothed than they ever had been in times of peace and this fact, coupled with their innate love of fighting, made many of them look upon the war as an undisguised blessing.

For nearly four years the battle lines extended over hundreds, yes, thousands of miles and during much of this time the southern mountains were debatable territory. Kentucky and northeastern Tennessee the battle tide ebbed and flowed about 70 times as the men in blue or gray advanced or retreated. In this territory the military rule was spasmodic and subject to the most vio

Collins drank as was the custom.

lent changes and the regular machinery of the law—at the best never very effective in the mountains—went to pieces at the very beginning and remained a wreck till the return of peace.

Before the war these mountaineers were the most ruthless white people in America. By comparison the free negroes of the south were models of intelligence and industry. They valued their lives and tried to subsist on the products of the soil. They raised large families and lived to subsist on. They were always on the verge of famine and chronic starvation was said to have been all but introduced between the efforts a man thought of the women and children.

But the people that had always been sparse became very uncertain when hungry eyes began to pour the mountain trails and the younger men were ruthlessly cut or pulled up to feed the horses. If two men came to blows and human men put it "two unseen rules bell, and they died.

No method ralle number of these men became veritable Ishmaelites. Every disaster in their neighborhood whether to the Union or to the Confederacy was turned to their advantage. As southern parts the they raided the blue grass country for horses. As a Union man they plundered the rebels of all kinds, and as a rebel they robbed Union men. Bigotry had reference to neither politics nor religion.

Among the most successfully carried on in this line of murder and robbery was that of the Collins family. They lived near Wild Cat, but as soon as they had used up the mountain pursue a course of plundering they moved to the Cumberland plateau.

In the early spring of 1864 General Carter determined to find the hiding place of these lawless men in the Cumberland plateau and to destroy them root and branch. He found that they had established a stockade on the top of the mountain, which could only be approached by a narrow path. This path was guarded by a battery of artillery and a company of infantry. Carter's men were ordered to capture the stockade, destroy the battery and kill or capture the Collins family.

The command was divided into three columns, one of which was to approach the stockade by the path, while the other two were to ascend the mountain at points where the ascent was not so steep. The men were ordered to advance at 3 o'clock in the morning, when it was supposed the sentinels would be asleep. The men were to advance in silence and not to fire a shot unless it was absolutely necessary.

The column which was to approach by the path was commanded by Captain Jack Crawford, a scout who had been in the mountains for months and knew every foot of the ground. He was to lead the column and was to be followed by Lieutenant Hall with a company of cavalry. Hall was to dismount his men when he reached the stockade and assist in the capture of the battery.

The other two columns were commanded by Major Wilson and Captain Hunter. Wilson was to ascend the mountain on the left of the path and Hunter on the right. Wilson was to capture the battery in the rear and Hunter was to capture the stockade.

The night before the attack was made Crawford and Hall crept up the path and reconnoitered the stockade. They found that the sentinels were asleep and that the battery was unprotected. Hall returned to his men and Crawford crept up to the stockade and entered it. He found the men asleep around the fire. Their guns were stacked in the center of the stockade and their horses were picketed in the rear.

Crawford returned to his men and reported to Carter. The latter ordered the attack to be made at once. The men were cautioned to be silent and to advance with their guns at a trail. Crawford led the way and Hall followed with his men. They reached the battery without discovery and Hall's men dismounted and crept up to the stockade. Crawford and his men were already there. Not a word was spoken. Each man knew what he had to do and did it.

Hall's men rushed into the stockade and fired a volley into the sleeping men. Then they charged with their bayonets. Not a man escaped. Every one of the Collins family was killed. Carter's men had not fired a shot.

CHAPTER II.

The lawless mountaineers of the Cumberland plateau during the war owed their long immunity from punishment to their vigilance and daring, but above all to their thorough knowledge of the country in which they operated. The gang under old Kit McGee and his son, young Kit, was by no means the strongest or most persistent that made these hills a pen of slaughter for Union and Confederate alike and a place of refuge for themselves, but I have chosen it to illustrate the courage of the scout, James Collins, and to give a good picture of a series of situations dreamed of by some of those who are best acquainted with all the recorded features of the great war.

The plan of James Collins, after learning of the rendezvous and habits of the McGee gang, was to make his escape to Cumberland gap, from which point he would guide the force sent out by General Burbridge to destroy these lawless. That he would have to join the outlaws he believed, but he never imagined that he would be called on at once to prove his fidelity to his new associates by making war on his old friends.

As the men under young Kit McGee were halted waiting for further reports of the detachment of cavalry that went up the Sequatchie under Captain Brown, a scout came in from the direction of Pikeville with the news that three Yankee wagons were moving north with only a few guards to protect them. As plunder was the sole purpose of this raid, McGee sent two men off to watch the wagons till nightfall and then come back and report the whereabouts of their camp.

About midnight the two men returned and reported the three wagons in camp about four miles away. The only guards were a sergeant and six men and a wagon master, and these were so careless in their position and the belief that there was no enemy within reach that it would be an easy matter to surprise them.

"If they show fight, we ens must shoot them down at once. If they give plum fit, as they'll do if they've got sense, we ens'll tie 'em up and git back with as plunder afoah they know hit. Now, boys, be os silent as if you was all dumb and barefoot."

This was young Kit McGee's advice to his men before they started off, and they obeyed him as if they had been regulars.

Through woods that were or seemed to be trackless in the night, and along ledges where even a mule must have lost his footing, McGee led his men till at length they saw the dull, coppery glow beneath them that marked the camp of the wagons. The mountaineers outnumbered the teamsters and guards two to one, and in addition they had the overwhelming advantage that always lies with the party who knows the enemy's strength and makes the attack in the nighttime.

As they neared the camp they could see two guards passing back and forth in a leisurely way between them and the fire. The outlaws, making every movement under the direction of McGee, threw themselves on the ground to "ambush" forward, their right hands on their rifles and their eyes on the two troopers.

A low whistle from McGee was to be the signal to run, but it seemed as if he had forgotten it or that it would never come, for it was not given till he and his encircling men were within 50 feet of the fire. The guards halted, as if attracted rather than alarmed by the sound. The next instant McGee and his men rushed in, shouting, with many oaths

"Surrendah! Surrendah! D— you uns, surrendah!"

Although there was no show of resistance, the guards were knocked down and disarmed, and each wagon was surrounded in a way that showed familiarity with this form of attack. The surprise was complete. The teamsters and guards very wisely gave up without firing a shot. After the prisoners were placed at one side under guard, Collins, who still trembled for their safety, asked McGee what he was going to do with them.

"I'm a goin to parole 'em," he replied.

"But I can't see how you uns can do that, as you uns are fighting on neithah side," said Collins.

"Waal," responded McGee, "this is how we uns work hit, and of so be you keep your eyes wide open you'll soon git the hang of hit. Whar we uns takes Yanks, we uns aw'ars 'em not to fight again the Confederacy till they're exchanged, and of they're ritch we aw'ars 'em not to fight again the Union. That's the dodge, and she works smooth as the every time."

In the camp there were 12 mules and eight saddle horses. After examining the contents of the wagons, which was done with the rapidity and accuracy that come of long practice, all the portable goods were packed on the animals—blankets, canvas, harness straps and wagon seats being quickly extemporized into pack saddles. The wagons contained commissary stores, with some carbine and pistol ammunition, and the camp chests of some officers of the Seventh Pennsylvania cavalry. After selecting what could be conveniently carried off, the wagons were brought side by side and set on fire to increase the impression that the work was being done by a Confederate raiding party. This done, McGee, who could neither read nor write, though he pretended that he could do both, made the sergeant write out the parole and sign it, as did his companions. Collins tried to get an opportunity to speak with the prisoners, through whom he might get word through to Chattanooga or Cumberland gap, but he was so closely watched that this was impossible.

From the time the attack was made till they were ready to move back into the mountains was not more than an hour. Before starting off McGee warned the prisoners not to move from where they were till after sunrise, threatening that if they did as they would be shot down before they got 100 yards away.

A messenger was sent ahead to tell old Kit McGee of the success of the expedition, and the others hurried after, with their 40 Indian animals. It took the party three days to make the return. Every precaution was taken to destroy the trail. For miles they traveled in the rocky beds of the mountain streams, the men as well as the animals walking knee deep in water. At length, as the sun was setting, they came within sight of the camp to which Collins was brought by the man Owen, and where old Kit McGee ruled his clan like the robber chief of Iain that he was.

The messenger having come through with the news, the people were eagerly watching for the return of young Kit's party. As soon as they caught sight of them they sent up a shrill cheer and swarmed out to meet the victors, as the highland women might have done when the men returned beyond the Grampians small from a successful foray in the stock meadows of the lowlands. The men then in camp, the women, the children and even the dogs came out to look over the 20 horses and mules staggering under their loads of plunder and to greet with joyous oaths the marauders who had done so well.

"I felt like a thief, though I knew just why I was there," said Collins. "At first I was kind of tickled that Molly McGee should take a fancy to me, a stranger, but when I saw her runnin up the hill with the crowd and noticed that she was lookin for me I felt kinder cold. It was the first time I ever had a woman set right to work to make love to me, and it broke me up."

As has been intimated, Molly McGee was perfectly natural in all her actions and entirely unconstrained in giving expression to her thoughts and emotions. "As an offhand sweater she was up to her father, and he was the worst I ever heard, and I've been a great deal among army mule drivers." Having singled out Collins, who was leading a mule at the time, Molly insisted that one of the men who had come out with her should take charge of the animal. Then she caught the young recruit in her strong arms and kissed him and swore that she would marry him before Saturday night. This was Thursday.

"Even when we started down to the camp that girl didn't take her right arm from round my neck, but she hung on, kissing me every few yards and calling to the other women to know if they didn't think I was the prettiest man in camp.

"I might have stood Molly in the line of duty," continued Collins, "but I noticed that some of the other fellows looked kinder jealous, and I knew that if she didn't let up one of them would lay for me, so I planned to play sick as soon as I got back to camp."

That night there was another carouse. The supplies just brought in were broken open and the most reckless way, and excepting the rations, which were taken charge of by old Kit, the people helped themselves as they pleased. Some raiders from the direction of McMinnville had returned that day with a number of fat cattle, one of which had been killed in anticipation of young Kit's return, and as soon as it was dark the fresh meat was being roasted at a half dozen huge campfires. The nearly naked children ran about with half cooked chunks of beef in their hands, and they flung it at each other, after their hunger was appeased, and shouted like young savages, as, in truth, they were. Even the yellow dogs had a happy night of it and lay down, gorged, by the fires. Old Kit's private table fairly groaned under its heap of food. A dozen bayonets driven into the rough planks answered for candlesticks, and, as was his habit, he asked a blessing before eating and seemed to regard his prosperity as a reward from heaven for leading an upright life.

After dinner, or rather supper, though the gang had the savage habit of disregarding fixed times for meals and eating when they were hungry, Molly McGee brought her father his fiddle and perched him on the head of a barrel near the fire. Whisky having been dealt out with unusual liberality, the people were wild with excitement, and the dancing that followed was even more fast, furious and abandoned than that which Collins took part in on the night of his arrival.

"Although I told Molly I was sick, she would have me out, and then she hung on to me and danced me about till I felt sick in earnest. She made me lie down on a blanket in one of the tents and said she would bring me some medicine, and she did. It was bolting hot whisky, sweetened with sorghum molasses. I objected, but she would have her own way. She lifted me up to her lips as if I had been a sick baby and shut a drunken giant of a rogue. Then she held that tin cup to my mouth and told me if I didn't drink 'every d——d drop of it she'd hug me to death. I preferred to die drunk, so I swallowed all the stuff I didn't manage to spill."

Collins had now learned all that it was necessary to know about the ruffianly desperadoes, strength and methods of these people, but to get safely back and communicate his knowledge to his superior officers at Cumberland gap would require more tact and daring than it did to join the gang.

The next day he was a sick man, sore enough, but to avoid Molly's attentions and her medicine he kept on his feet. On Saturday another raid was to start in the direction of the Kentucky line, and Collins, who now felt that he had won the confidence of the gang, insisted on being one of the party. Up to this time he had supposed that Molly McGee's attention was such as she might have bestowed on any recruit to her father's forces, but as soon as he came to go north with this expedition the old man startled him by saying:

"Molly and me's done talked hit all over. She's a mighty fine gal, is Molly, and ther ain't a unmarried man in the mountains as she couldn't have of so be she'd say the word. But she's mighty 'bicklar, is Molly, and from the first she got her eye onto you, so I reckon you uns won't be well git married. And Owen water preach afoah the week, and I reckon he remembahs enough of the business to make the hitch so she'll hold. And so, my son, I think you uns had bettah not go this trip, for hit wouldn't look decent to git married and then run off."

Collins on his arrival had announced himself as a single man, so he could not well take refuge under the plea of being married. In the circumstances he must get married if he remained, so he determined to get away that Friday night. He still retained the money he had brought with him, and, like his less honorable companions, he carried some silver with him as he did his but of any other article of clothing. It was told Kit McGee's orders that the men should always have their arms within reach, but even with that precaution they would have done as from force of habit.

About 1 o'clock the most members and when even the sentinels appeared to be asleep, Collins slipped from the blankets on which he had been lying, and, with his rifle in his hands, stole quietly out of camp. It was a clear, starlight night, so that he did not hesitate as to the direction he must take to reach Cumberland gap, but he well knew that getting out of camp did not assure his safety. Pickets were posted along the trails and in the depths of the forests, and they would be posted before daylight, and even these pursuits would be made as soon as his absence was discovered.

He had made up his mind to kill any picket that he could not get by. He had to move with the greatest caution, so that he does not alarm the sentinel before they came within rifle shot of him. He knew it was about 4 o'clock in the morning when directly before the front and not more than ten yards away and to the eastward he heard the challenge:

"Halt! Who goes there?"

"A friend of the government!" This was the response he had been taught at the time of his initiation. As he replied Collins dropped to the ground and saw

No one shot down with the last between him and the patch of sky where the gray dawn was breaking the silhouettelike figure of a man. He knew this was one of McGee's pickets, and that if he made his presence known he would either be shot at once or taken back a prisoner to be shot afterward. He must think and act within the half second.

"I need to do it; yes, by God, what else could I do?" he half heard, still hopping my eyes on him standing there against that bit of sky; then I threw up my gun and fired! Did I kill him? Well, I didn't stop to see. I only knew that he did not raise his hand nor his voice to stay me when I leaped over his body flying there in the trail, and then I ran for it."

Without halt, except to drink or bathe his swollen feet at some mountain stream, Collins ran on till the middle of the afternoon. He was between Jellico and the gap when he met Colonel Jordan with some 400 men of the First Kentucky and Ninth Pennsylvania on their way to "break up the mountain gangs."

The longer the detachment against these outlaws the less effective these were of existing them. As a soldier put it at one time, it was "like digging a fice hunting with bayonets instead." Colonel Jordan, a excellent soldier, was quick to see the importance of Collins' information, and, with some slight modifications, he was willing to act on the scout's advice.

"Don't send a man in that won't march afoot and ain't willing to fight till he dies. Surround the valley, then dash down on them and wipe them out."

Collins was pleased in a wagon and told to go to sleep, and he did so while the troops moved forward. About midnight a halt was made at a point where the colonel had decided in advance to establish a camp, from which he could carry on his raids against the outlaws. By this time the scout was sufficiently rested to go on. He pointed out on the colonel's maps the location of McGee's gang and urged the necessity of surrounding on so as to strike them by daylight, for they were from 15 to 20 miles, but it was 18 miles of the roughest country in the whole Cumberland range.

Leaving 100 men back to care for the wagons and the horses, Colonel Jordan supplied the rest of his men with five days' cooked rations, and soon after 12 o'clock Saturday night he pushed into the hills on foot. Keeping in the advance and forgot all his fatigue in the excitement of the occasion.

Although the men were veterans and as fine troopers as ever sat a horse, they were not accustomed to this fighting like mercenary on foot. In the darkness some of them who were nearly enough to be in the opposite fight dropped behind. Even many of the officers commanding companies found it impossible to keep up with the scout, and the result was that the men who did succeed in keeping with Collins under their leadership were much worn out when they reached the wild haunt of their foes.

Just as day was breaking behind them Collins and the five gallant fellows who had pushed on far in advance for this very purpose succeeded in surprising the outlaws' pickets, who, a few minutes afterward were left hanging by their own belts to saplings that had been bent down for that purpose and then released. Colonel Jordan's men, so he put it himself, "were ready to drop from fatigue" when they reached the rim of the hill that commanded a view of the McGee rendezvous, but the sight that met their gaze filled them with delight and new strength.

The outlaws had evidently been made aware of the coming of the soldiers, for when Collins looked into the valley, just as the sun was rising, he saw that a great change had taken place. The men were already mounted, and the animals told that the whole band did not exceed 150 in all. The leader and of the valley there was a long line of cattle and pack animals, seemingly in charge of the women and children, while as a guard between the retreating animals and the hills a large body of men were moving. Some 50 or more of these were dismounted and in battle array prepared to fight.

Colonel Jordan took in the situation and its necessities in an instant. Fifty of the freshest men, with Collins accompanying them, were sent to head off the people carrying off the stock, and with the rest of the force he dashed into the valley.

Young Kit McGee was not present, having gone off the day before on what he said into Kentucky, but he would have been valuable to the government of his father had not a rifle ball put a stop to his career forever. Old Kit, however, and his mate escaped into the mountains.

They were evidently surprised—that is, they did not expect an attack, that the people that had the promise of protection on Sunday in front of them would have thrown up defenses along the valley that might have enabled them to hold at bay a for-

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OLD father time, having made his best bow and sent to the rear 1894 bringing forward 1895, we also come to greet you with the first number of Vol 32. Our business relations with all of our customers during the past year have been very pleasant and hope they will continue the same. Of course we have made mistakes, and who has not? but where mistakes have been made, we have always tried to make corrections where they had a tendency to injure anyone. We came among you as strangers. Our reception has been most kind, which we appreciate very much. We shall strive to deserve your esteem in the future. Our aim will be to make the MINER a family paper. Be kind enough to remember us all to your friends. When you have friends visiting at your homes send us their names. If you know of interesting news, send it to us and we shall be glad to publish the same. Let us all strive to make this year better than last year, by helping one another. Our price for the MINER will be $1 25 per annum as heretofore. We wish you all continued happiness and prosperity.

THE State Legislature met Monday.

SECRETARY CARLISLE as a financier, is a howling failure.

LEVI P MORTON was sworn in as Governor on New Year's day.

HAMILTON FISH will be the next Speaker of New York Assembly.

GOV-ELECT HASTINGS will be sworn in on Tuesday the 15th of this month.

EVEN Anthony Comstock could not escape in New York. It is alleged that he was not above taking advantage of the opportunities offered in Gotham.

JOHN BURNS the English labor leader in a recent speech out west, said that the United States army was too large. Well, he is not the first Englishman who was convinced of that fact.

THE Delevan House, at Albany, New York, one of the most celebrated hotels in the country as far as political schemes and plots goes, was burned on Sunday night and, sad to say, seventeen lost their lives. 12 women and 5 men were burned up in the fearful holocaust.

A MAN by the name of Burns came over to this country a few weeks ago in the interest of one wage earners, and the first and only thing he seems to delight in is calling us all fools and the Constitution an instrument that offers no justice to the laboring masses. It's about time to kick him out of the country. He's got more gas than brains.

THE Lexow investigating committee, which has been doing such excellent work in cleansing the Augean Stable of the rotten Tammany of New York, have not been backward nor bashful in the discharge of their duties. The last to fall at the close of their work was Superintendent Byrns, whose testimony on the witness stand disclosed the fact that he had made over three hundred thousand dollars while holding office in New York city. It is to be hoped that the octopus that has held the first city of the land in its clutches so long will be forced to relinquish its terrible grasp upon the great city, and as a result good and honest government will hereafter hold sway in the metropolis. The end is not yet. After the legislature adjourns, the committee will very likely take up the thread of corruption that it has so successfully followed and carry it on to the end, until the hydra-headed monster of corruption is laid in the dust.

THE Governor's message to the legislature is a very lengthy affair, but has a great many good points. The most important as regards this section is the question of good roads. The law relating to levying taxes for road purposes and the manner of working out the same is an injury to any township and dates back to antediluvian times. This law should be stricken from the statutes. The roads of the state should be under the supervision of a competent engineer and the state subdivided into districts and these districts be under the management of competent and practical engineers whose duty it would be to lay out all new roads on a true grade and properly grade the the old ones. There is enough public road money wasted every year, which, if properly applied, would in five years' time place the public roads of this great commonwealth on an equal with the roads of any state in the union. As the governor says, "this periodical or spasmodic road mending" is out of date, it is money wasted and thrown away. The tax payers must to simply visit and have a good time. It would also be a good thing for the state to offer a small premium to every man who has a narrow tired wagon who will set it aside and adopt the wide tire. This alone would have a tendency to help our roads over fifty per cent, as it would avoid the fearful ruts and mud holes that we meet so often. The Governor also objects to our present jury system, that is, giving the commonwealth more challenges than it does the defendant. The man who is being tried for his life or liberty should at least have an equal chance with the prosecutor.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1894.—The extra session bugaboo was raised by the administration Democrats to frighten hesitating Democrats into supporting the Carlisle currency bill, and to deter Republicans from placing obstacles in the way of any legislation approved by the administration, but now like the genii released from the bottle, the bugaboo has grown so great that it threatens to overshadow every thing else. The question of the calling of an extra session of Congress, which was first considered merely in a night-have-to-be light, has now nearly reached the must-be stage. If something is not done by this Congress to stop the drain of gold from the treasury, and there isn't one chance in a thousand that anything will be done, it will not be a matter of choice with Mr. Cleveland. He will have to call the Republican Congress together in order to get something done.

Very little hope is now entertained by any Democrat that the Carlisle currency bill will be passed by the House in its present shape, and not much that it will be passed in any shape, and none whatever that it will be passed by the Senate. But the ablest financiers in Congress agree in saying that if the currency bill were to become a law to-morrow it would do the treasury more harm than good. Even Secretary Carlisle, who is willing to pose as author of the bill, admits that it would not help the treasury for some time to come and that he is not altogether certain that it ever would. Meanwhile the drain on the gold in the treasury continues and the receipts have so aroused the Republicans to the necessity of formulating a plan for legislation at the extra session, if one be called. They don't want an extra session, would much prefer having until next December to think about legislation, but true to the traditions of the party they will be found ready to do their duty whenever called upon. It can be stated on high authority that the Republicans in the Senate have no idea of shielding the Democrats from any of the popular disapproval they have earned since they controlled all branches of the government. Several Republican Senators may when the urgency appropriation bill gets before the Senate, seek to have the appropriation for the collection of the income tax struck out of that bill, but they will not be supported by any considerable number of Republicans. Nothing would please the Democrats who have realized what a mistake the income tax was, chief of whom is Mr Cleveland, more than to have Republican Senators defeat the appropriation for the collection of that tax. That would enable the Democratic party to play its favorite and usual double faced role in another campaign—in States where the income tax is popular it would claim to have imposed the tax and would charge the Republicans with having prevented its being collected, and in States where the tax was unpopular it would point out the failure to collect money to enforce the law as its own act. Those are some of the reasons why Republicans will aid in getting that appropriation through, rather than join in putting obstructions in its way.

The troubles growing out of the repeal of the reciprocity clause of the McKinley tariff law have only just begun, as the administration is now finding out. France and Austria have unofficially intimated their intention to follow the example of Spain and retaliate upon the United States if some modification of the sugar schedule of the tariff law cannot be secured. As there is not the slightest probability that any modification can be gotten through Congress at this session, the outlook for more retaliation is promising, entirely too promising.

Senator Cameron of Pennsylvania is being harshly criticized for having said that no site should be purchased for a new government printing office unless Congress would agree to buy the Mahone site. Senator Cameron is understood to be financially interested in the Mahone lot.

January 8th has been set for the hearing of arguments on the demurrer filed by the department of justice in the suit brought to test the constitutionality of the income tax. If the demurrer be sustained and the suit be thrown out on the technicalities raised steps for the beginning of a new suit against which those technicalities will not count, will at once be taken.

Representative Tom Johnson, of Ohio, although himself a Democrat says that so far as the financial system of the country is concerned, the Democrats in Congress are all eligible for membership in a club of cranks to which he belongs, which makes the only requisite for joining a failure to agree with any other member.

It is being whispered around in inside circles that Mr Cleveland has lost faith in the Carlisle currency bill and that he believes, and has so expressed himself to a personal friend, that the Republicans would get up a bill that would be more satisfactory to him and to the country. He may or may not have done either, but there can be no doubt of the ability of the Republicans to get up a better bill.

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HE DOESN'T PLAY POKER.

There is a young man named Victor Roy living six miles east of this place who is destined to become famous as a mind reader. In fact his reputation already extends over the big State of Texas. He is a native of Ohio, born there in 1872, but was brought to Texas by his parents when an infant, and has since lived with them on a farm. He is more than fairly well educated, but has never attended school. His education has been gained from his mother and by diligence in study.

Young Roy says that as soon as he looks into one's face for a minute or more the person's whole character and antecedents loom up plainly to his mind.

One of the most striking instances of his power was shown several years ago in this way. A member of a large mercantile firm in Galveston, employing 100 or more clerks, was enjoying a hunt near Boerne, and hearing of the boy's phenomenal gifts went to see him. Without introducing himself to it by he asked him to tell him what kind of a man he was, his business &c. Roy did so, even to telling him the duties he performed in his store, whereupon that was, as he didn't know the merchant was from Galveston. For a long time this same firm knew that they were being systematically robbed by one or more of their clerks, but they could not detect the guilty parties. They finally concluded to send for Roy, and, a perfect stranger, he arrived at the store, walked through it made one or two minor purchases of those he suspected, and walked out. Returning to the firm's office he told them that the thefts were being committed by a young lady and a young man, and he pointed them out. The firm was aghast with astonishment, and a member exclaimed: "Why, young man you don't know what you are talking about. That young lady is the soul of honor, she is the niece of our chief bookkeeper, and for years has been one of our trusted clerks. And the young man! Why, he is the embodiment of rectitude. He was brought up in this store, we would risk all we have with him. Indeed, you may be a first class mind reader sometimes, but this time you are mistaken."

"Well," said Roy, "I was never more correct in my life, and as these clerks are such favorites with you, you wouldn't mind giving them a month's vacation and at the end of that time you can see whether anything is stolen and investigate and see that I have not wrongfully accused them."

The firm was tired of the stealing and a while after that they concluded to give both the young woman and man a month's vacation. They also concluded to investigate. They opened no money or goods that month and during the time found that the young lady, who was working for a small salary, was supporting her mother and two sisters, all living in fine style, and she had a bank account of $1 500. The young man was found to be a high roller, and one of the most reckless card players.

Roy received a fine gold watch for his discovery. The firm furnishes him in season all the fashionable clothes he wishes, and every spring goes down to Galveston and takes a mental inventory of the clerks in that house.

As a handwriting expert he has never made a mistake, and has proved it in a number of important cases. He has been frequently sent for to testify as expert in such cases at San Antonio, Dallas, Galveston, and other places where there was a great deal involved in written documents.

He has been tested time and again in games of poker, and never loses. Many noted gamblers have called on him, and invariably put him to the test in games of poker. He eyes each player closely as they pick up their cards and often before the betting begins he will call out to the man who has a flush, straight, threes, or a full, and tell him to take the chips, as he has the best hand, and he never makes a mistake in doing so. A wealthy gambler from Denver offered him $5 000 a year and expenses to travel over the country and play for him. But Roy refused, saying that for him to play poker would be nothing less than robbery of his victims.—*St Louis Globe Democrat.*

THE present House and Senate adjourned during the holidays. Since the first Monday in December they have done nothing but putter, like an old decrepit housekeeper. The election of two months since seemed to have knocked what little energy there was remaining in the Democrats into a cocked hat and they do not know what to do or where to turn. They seem to have an idea that there is something wrong with our financial system, but not one of them seems to be able to formulate a plan that would carry the country out of the difficulty. The best thing the present House could do would be to pass the necessary appropriations and then adjourn. Then, if Cleveland would call an early session of the 54th Congress, under new leadership there is no question but that they would be able to devise some plan that would relieve the monetary stress that hangs over the country. There is certainly no hope to be placed in the present Congress. Incompetency is stamped upon their every act. Let them retire into oblivion.

THE following persons were nominated and elected to positions in the State Senate: C Wesley Thomas, president pro tem, chief clerk, E W Smiley, of Venango, journal clerk, J H Young, of Philadelphia, reading clerk, J M Carson, of Butler, message clerk, W J Robinson, of Erie transcribing clerks, Isaac Martin, of Chester, and C B Miller, of Allegany, sergeant-at-arms, J R Harral, of Beaver assistant sergeants-at-arms, R N Greenland, Phila. H T Reynolds, Potter postmaster, John A. Seiders, Franklin, doorkeeper, F C Little, Jefferson, asst doorkeeper Levi Knott Blair. In the house Hon. Henry S Walton, of Philadelphia, was elected speaker, H D Fetterolf, of Montgomery, chief clerk, J B Rex, of Huntingdon, resident clerk, James E Watkins, of Lackawanna, reading clerk. In the afternoon the governor's message was read when the house adjourned until evening January 9 at 8 o'clock.

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Buffalo, Wednesday, Jan. 2.

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JANUARY SALE!

Every January for years we've had a special sale of Muslin Underwear and White Goods generally. The idea is to stimulate trade in an usually dull month by selling NEW GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES. The preparations for this sale are great beyond precedent and we're ready now with the greatest retail offering of

—Muslin Underwear
—Men's White Shirts
—Housekeeping Linens
—Sheets and Pillow Cases
—Capes and Jackets
—Cottons and Dress Goods

Ever made in this country. Our past sales of this sort are evidence that, in making this positive and sweeping statement we tax neither our imagination nor your credulity.

Watch the Buffalo daily papers and SHOP BY MAIL—those who can't get to the store. Present prices are the lowest ever quoted for new and reliable goods and you can't afford to miss this opportunity.

Mail orders filled same day as received. You can SAVE HALF YOUR MONEY buying White Goods and Dress Goods here this month.

BARNES, HENGERER & CO.

Smethport, Pa, January 2, 1895.

Beginning Saturday Jan. 5 we will close out all our winter Hats and Bonnets at less than half price.

Also—We will then have on sale the best line of Remnants ever offered by us. We will not quote prices as you can see for yourselves.

MRS. T. D. NASH.

INSURANCE.

Fire insurance written in the leading companies. Life and Accident Insurance in the most reliable companies of America.

PIANOS

Of the following first-class manufacturers, A. B Chase, Bush & Gertz, Malcom Love and Woodward & Brown, sold for cash or on installments.

ORGANS

Of the very best grades, sold for cash or on installments, at reduced prices.

SEWING MACHINES.

Will sell Domestic and Wheeler & Wilson machines hereafter for cash at a

Reduction of $25 00

from the list price of each machine at my store. Now as all yourselves of this grand offer.

Piano and Organ Instruction Books, Sheet Music, Needles, Oil and all kinds of Fixtures for all kinds of Sewing Machines. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

C. A. BURDICK.
Salesroom, Reilly Block,
Smethport Pa.

CAPITOL RESTAURANT,
COR MAIN AND UNION STS

Every thing the market affords kept on hand in season.

We will furnish the people of Smethport and vicinity all kinds of poultry for hire tables at reasonable prices.

Oysters in various styles.

JOS. L. V. VALENTINE,
Proprietor.

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Friday, Jan. 18th, 1895, by Norman Stubbs, J. H. Hatch, C. H. Mecklenberg, Jr., C. White and A. A. Fleetwood and their associates and successors under the Act of Assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of Electric Light Companies," approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Smethport Electric Light Company," for the purpose of supplying the borough of Smethport and the inhabitants thereof and others with electric light, and for the said purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

C. H. MECKLENBERG, Solicitor.

December 28, 1894.

License Transfer Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN PURSUANCE of the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved the 16th day of May, A. D. 1891, the undersigned will present to the Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean county, at the January Term, 1895, a petition praying for the transfer of the Retail Liquor License heretofore granted to him for the premises now occupied by him on the first floor of the building on the west side of East street, in the borough of Smethport, Pa., and known as the Kane House, to the Hotel and Restaurant now being erected by him on the corner of East and Main streets, in the borough of Smethport, Pa., and known as the Kane House, and that the said petition will be presented to the said Court on Monday, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m. of that day.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 17, 1894. A. L. for Petitioner.

JOHN MILLER,
THE FASHIONABLE TAILOR

CUTS OF LATEST STYLES

Free for the Inspection of Customers.

Neatest of Fits Guaranteed.

GIVE ME A TRIAL.

- ROOMS -

EAST OF THE WRIGHT HOUSE,

ON MAIN ST., SMETHPORT, PA.

Now For Bargains.

This is the time of year, when every family wants to make a dollar go as far as possible, as there are so many things needed.

Every cent must be used to its best advantage, and the store which sells goods on the close margin, quick sale and cash price basis is the one to patronize.

There should be no friendship in business AND THERE IS NONE. The best friend you have is Mr Good HARD CASH, and look well before you part with it.

A few bargains from the multitude at our store.

DOLLS—Little Dolls, Big Dolls, Black Dolls, White Dolls in fact all kinds of Dolls and all prices, 1c to $3.

Novels, the regular 10, 15 20 and 25c books only 3c.

Children's books a big variety, 1c up.

Easels—5 feet high, 35c.

Easels—extra heavy, 69c.

Aluminum chest frames 9c.

" smoking sets 75c up.

" hunters flasks 38c up.

" glove boxes 48c up.

" collar button boxes 21c up.

Glass covered fruit cans 32c up.

Pin cushions all sizes and all prices, 9c up.

Albums all sizes and all prices.

Fancy paper toilet boxes, prices way down.

Dolls shoes, all colors, 15c pr.

Ladies' overgaiters 7 buttons, 28c.

" " 10 " 69c.

Baby soft sole shoes, all colors, 25c.

Children's shoes 5 8, cap toe, extra good 28c.

Children's shoes 8-11, cap toe, extra good 49c.

Children's high counter for weak ankles $1 25.

Men's slippers, fancy and good 48c and 69c.

Ladies' shoes, 98c to $3 50.

Men's " 95c to $4 50.

Ladies' coney capes, 27 inch $4 90.

" " 30 " $7 50.

$9 00 and $11 50.

Ladies real astrachan capes, 27 inch, $10 50.

Ladies real astrachan capes 30 inch, $12 50.

We have many other good bargains in Dry Goods, Notions, Ribbons, Millinery, Gent's Furnishings and Winter Goods of all kinds too numerous to mention. Our stock is complete in all lines. It will pay you to visit our store before you buy.

OLEAN
RACKET
STORE

175-177 Union St.,
OLEAN, - - N. Y.

OLEAN MUSIC CO.

WHO BUYS OF US
RUNS NO RISK!

Because we sell famous makes only. Because we take back free anything unsatisfactory.

Sounds generous and won't it?

We can afford to offer more than most dealers, because we know all the quirks about

PIANOS AND ORGANS.

We have the facilities for giving longer time and easier terms than any house in this vicinity. Our 16 years experience in the business enables us to buy goods at such figures with which we defy competition.

BRANCH OFFICE:
MAIN STREET,
Smethport, Pa.
A. D. BOYLE, Agt.

One Price and Plain Figures.

MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

makes you feel that this old world isn't such a bad place after all. There is nothing like a good night's sleep and three square meals a day to make a man feel jolly. How to keep money in your pocket is therefore an important issue every day in the year. "It's Money in Your Pocket" to attend our Sensation Sale of clothing now in progress.

☞Men's Fine Suits, - $4.50 to 12.00
☞Boy's Fine Suits, - $1.50 to 3.50
☞Boy's Fine Overcoats, $1.50 to 5.00

We must reduce our big stock and prices are the lever that will make them move rapidly. Suits for Men, Youths, Boys and Children. Overcoats for everybody. Assortment superb, quality high and prices below the cellar bottom. No other store in Olean offers any such inducements in Suits and Overcoats as

Ford's Red Front Clothing House,
Best Place to Buy Clothing and Footwear,
158-160 Union Street, - OLEAN, N. Y.

HARD TIMES MADE EASY!

Christmas Prices Lower Than Ever!

Go to the Cash Store of

D. C. YOUNG

And note the reduction in price of

STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS.

Buy the things you need and have money enough left to buy your CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

All goods in my store bought for CASH and sold for CASH or its equiqalent. No bad debts to make up off cash customers.

New line of DRESS GOODS at reduced prices.

WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S SHOES cheaper than ever.

Finest line of Christmas Goods ever shown in Smethport.

Fine Florida Oranges a specialty.

Flour 75c, 90c and $1.15 per sack.

All the other Provisions and Groceries at equally low prices.

SMETHPORT, PA., Nov 16 1894. D C YOUNG

H. W. RUBIN & CO.
(AT THE OLD STAND)

ARE NOW READY TO SHOW THE PUBLIC A COMPLETE LINE OF

FALL CLOTHING FALL

CONSISTING OF

Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits

OF THE LATEST PATTERNS AND STYLES.

PRICES ARE AS LOW as they can be bought in the City, while the quality is GUARANTEED. Money refunded if not as represented.

Also carry in our MERCHANT TAILORING Department the most complete stock of Foreign and Domestic Goods.

A PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED AT ALL TIMES!
SUITS MADE UP ON SHORT NOTICE!

We carry a FULL LINE of Gents' Furnishing Goods, Men's Shoes, &c.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE STORE
WE CARRY A FULL OF LINE
READY-MADE CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, &c.

J. G. WILLIAMS

FRESH & SMOKED MEATS,

POULTRY and OYSTERS,

Groceries & Provisions,

Canned Goods, &c.

The public are invited to make a careful inspection of my stock and prices.

J. G. WILLIAMS,
Main St., above Grand Central. SMETHPORT, PA.

IT IS ATTRACTIVE ORNAMENTAL PLEASING

The HOLIDAY STOCK

AT

McCOY'S DRUG STORE,

ODD FELLOW'S BUILDING,
SMETHPORT, PENNA.

BLACKSMITHING!

The subscriber has purchased the blacksmith shop recently occupied by Charles Krueger, on Mechanic street, near Gilbert's saw mill, where he is prepared to do first-class blacksmithing, including

HORSESHOEING.

Satisfaction guaranteed. He also manufactures

SLEIGHS.

Can Cure all Ordinary Lameness in Horse's Feet and Legs.

CHAS. W. LILLENDALE.

Smethport, Aug. 6th, 1894.

BARBER SHOP.
Alfred Sturdevant.

Next door to Gallup's Store, Main St.

Shaving and Hair-Dressing

In the latest style of art.

None but first class workmen employed.

Alfred Sturdevant, Surgeon Chiropodist. Corns removed in a few minutes without pain or soreness. Also treatment for Bunions and Ingrowing nails.

BATH ROOMS ATTACHED.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

OUR

CLOAK SALE

STILL CONTINUES.

Take advantage of the opportunity and get a

GARMENT

at half price.

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL KINDS OF

WOOLEN GOODS

And

Lumbermen's Supplies.

COMPLETE STOCK OF FRESH GROCERIES.

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220 Main St., Smethport, Pa.

McKean County Miner.

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 4, 1895.

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The label on your paper shows the time to which it is paid.

If you want the address of your paper changed give the old address as well as the new one.

If you want your paper stopped, pay arrearages, otherwise you will continue liable if the paper is sent to you "awaiting" you take it from the office or not.

If you do not get the paper regularly let us know. We need every man's paper every week and the trouble is with the mails when not received.

☞ Remember that for $1.75 we send the MINER and Philadelphia Weekly Press one year.

LOCAL NOTICES.

A cutter and buggy for sale. Will be sold cheap. For terms apply to Emil Thamm, Smethport, Pa.

WANTED—A responsible and energetic man to handle Lightning Rods in McKean county. E. K. Hum & Co., 8 Market St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Special.

Mrs. A. M. French, who is located in the Reilly block, has secured the services of a first-class dressmaker from one of the most fashionable shops in Bradford to assist her during the holidays. Your patronage is solicited, feeling assured that you will be pleased with the work.

Strayed.

Came to the premises of the undersigned a black cow about five or six years old. The horns are short and turn inwards. The owner will please come forward and prove property and pay charges or the cow will be disposed of according to law. JOHN L. CLARK,

3t. Mt. Alton, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—1895.

—"The days are growing perceptibly longer."

—Warren is to have a new evening newspaper.

—Read the changes in our advertising columns this week.

—Renew your subscriptions to the MINER for 1895; $1.25 in advance.

—O. D. Bush was setting up the cigars on a ten-pound baby last Friday.

—We return thanks to Rev. J. W. Osborn and wife for Christmas souvenirs.

—The fine sleighing is being taken advantage of by pleasure seekers and lumbermen.

—Remember it is a figure 5, instead of a 4, that you must place at the date line of your letter.

—Holmes & Gilfillan have a very fine line of mouldings for doors and windows of the latest patterns.

—The new iron bridge across the mill race, on Mechanic street, has been completed, at a cost of $350.

—John Hungerford was appointed mercantile appraiser for 1895 by the county commissioners last Monday.

—Now is the time to put your advertisement in the MINER. We have the best general circulation of any paper in the county.

—The person who borrowed our *Scribner's Magazine*, will kindly return the same immediately. We are not running a free library.

—Quite a number of our young people drove to Crosby on Monday night to trip the light fantastic toe at the ball given there on that night.

—Quite a number of our young people gathered at the residence of Rev. J. H. McCandless and had a most enjoyable time on Monday night last.

—The MINER is under obligations to T. D. Nash for a copy nicely bound of the report of the secretary of the Commonwealth for the year 1894.

—The beautiful palms that graced the dining hall of the Wright House on Tuesday night were supplied by D. M. Brasted, who keeps them in stock.

—A special meeting of the Smethport Bicycle Club will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, at 8 o'clock. Every member is requested to be present.

—The annual butter and cheese production of the United States is 610,000 tons; the annual wool production of this country is about 312,000,000 pounds.

—Mrs. L. R. Bush, of East Smethport, has sold her mercantile business to her sister, Miss Sherwood, of Eldred, who will conduct the business at the old stand.

—W. W. Ransom, of Roulette, who is attending the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, expects to graduate in March, when he will locate in Port Allegany.

—L. W. Mason has a very fine music box in his store, which produces sweet music. The beauty of the box is that if a new piece of music is published it can be obtained for the small sum of fifty cents, all arranged for the box.

—The coroner's jury, impanelled to inquire into the death of Mrs. Deutsher, returned a verdict that the "deceased came to her death from a dose of paris green, taken by her own hand," thus exonerating her husband, Wm. Deutsher.

—We regret very much to learn that our esteemed contemporary, W. H. Baker, of the Ridgway *Advocate*, has a libel suit on his hands. We sincerely hope our friend will get through the difficulty without trouble. He has our sympathy.

—The heavy frosts of the past two weeks have made it possible for a person to skate from the Mechanic street bridge to Crosby, a distance of seven miles by way of the stream.

—Among the list of patents granted last week we find the following: J. P. Klein, Oil City, means for pumping liquids from gas-producing wells; W. F. Murphy, Ridgway, lumber-drying kiln.

—There is talk of the B., B. & K. road being extended to Dubois Centre, the citizens of that place agreeing to raise $1,500 to assist in the work, which is to be paid back as soon as the earnings will permit.

—Last Monday night chicken thieves entered the bakery of Mrs. Frank Kerns, in Mechanicsburg, and took five chickens. Mrs. Kerns says the thieves are known, and the guilty parties will have to settle, or she will have them arrested.

—Reuben Hill, of Palmerville, who terrorized that section during the early part of the summer, was arrested Friday morning by Deputy sheriff Davis, and brought to jail. He made no resistance but was well armed at the time of his arrest.

—Prof. E. E. Miller was elected on Saturday to fill the position of school superintendent at Bradford, to succeed the late Prof. H. R. Cobb. Prof. Miller is an acknowledged scholar and organizer, and his selection is said to give universal satisfaction.

—Last week we were compelled to issue a small-sized edition of the MINER, owing to the fact that some of our advertising contracts demanded it. Our newspaper press broke down, and was in process of repair when we learned that it was necessary to issue.

—A roll call and covenant meeting will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday morning, Jan. 6, at 10:30. Members who cannot be present are requested to respond by letter. Arrangements have been made to entertain all out of town members, and a full attendance is requested.

—The Baptist Sunday School is under obligations to Mr. A. E. Doyle, the genial salesman for the Orton Music Co., for the use of one of his fine pianos on Christmas eve. In connection with the above business, Mr. Doyle is now dealing in a general line of sheet music and musical instruments.

—Sixty-three years ago Daniel Webster had Isaac Bassett appointed a page in the Senate. Fifty-one years ago the special position of doorkeeper was created for him, and he has held it since. He now has the distinction of having been in the service of this government longer than any man living.

—Last Thursday night one hundred of Olean's prominent business men enjoyed a feast at the new Olean House. They could not have been very hungry when they finished their meal, as they took their seats at 10 o'clock Thursday night and arose at 4 o'clock Friday morning. Quite a lengthy sitting for one meal.

—The Pennsylvania Great Camp of the K. O. T. M. is now fully organized and ready for business. Besides giving life benefits, it has established sick and accidental features, and thus gives opportunity to all who do not want life insurance to take out accidental and sick benefits. For particulars inquire of any of the members of the order.

—The present fashion in young boys and even men in cutting the hair close to the scalp, both in summer and winter, is a cause of disease of the ear. It is a well recognized fact that we bear with the skin of the scalp and the bones of the head, and irritation by dampening the skin impairs the hearing, and when cold water is applied too freely it will produce coryza and earache.—*Ex.*

—John Troy, of Olean, sent Clarence Hacker a large consignment of live rats one day last week. Clarence is in somewhat of a quandary to know what to do with his live stock. There are not enough of them to make a coat, and cat skin pantaloons would not be very fashionable; besides he is too tender hearted to kill the rat-catchers. Clarence, send them back from whence they came—to Chet King, Port Allegany.

—Andrew Reilly, the veteran contractor of Smethport, was in town last Saturday and signed the contract for building abutments for the new iron bridge which will span Kempple's creek near this place. Mr. Reilly did the stone-work for the river bridge here, and his work was done so well that the township supervisors were anxious to get him to do their work. He is one of the most thorough bridge men in the State—*Eagle.*

—Editor Olson of the MINER made his periodical visit to Eldred Monday morning. Brother Olson is seen on the trains so often that the other day a lady mistook him for the news agent and asked him for a stick of gum. He just happened to have one with him and of course accommodated her.—*Eagle.* Never mind dear boy, if you want some gum don't be afraid to ask for it. We have no doubt your mouth watered for a chew.

—Mr. Weber and his esteemed better half started on Tuesday to drive from Port Allegany to the Junction. Arriving at the top of Bush hill they were overturned in a snow drift, the horse running away, and was finally caught at East Smethport. Some one started back with the rig and met Mr. Weber and wife pleasantly strolling toward Smethport. When they met the horse and cutter they stepped aboard and returned home, and we lost a pleasant visit from the happy couple.

—The good people of East Smethport were startled from their New Year's dinner, on Tuesday last, by the dreaded alarm of fire. Rushing from their houses they discovered that the two-story frame dwelling house, situated nearly opposite the W. N. Y. & P. depot, was in flames. A bucket brigade was hastily formed, and under the leadership of James M. Tracy, did excellent service. The house was entirely destroyed. Nearly all the household goods which were down stairs, were saved. Luther McDermit occupied the house. His loss is $700. The house was owned by G. N. Hackett, of Franklinville, N. Y. His loss is estimated at $300; no insurance.

—A story was recently told of how a preacher tested the effect of the hard times upon his congregation. At the conclusion of one of his sermons he said: "Let everybody in the house who pay their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, arose to their feet. He seated the crowd and then said: "Let every man who is not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a care-worn, hungry looking individual, clothed in his last summer suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position and leaned upon the back of the seat in front of him. "How is it, my friend," inquired the minister, "that you are the only man in this large congregation who is unable to meet his obligations?" "I publish a newspaper," he meekly replied, "and my brethren here who have just stood up are all my subscribers, and—" "Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

—A burglary was committed on a Smart young man last night, the thieves taking all his wearing apparel, and he was compelled to go to a neighbor and borrow some clothing in order to make an appearance in public this morning, his only covering being a night shirt.

—This is the season of the year when a large number of the newspapers and magazines throughout the land come out with a large cartoon on the first page of their issue, representing a decrepit, old man making a painful salutation to an innocent looking "kid" in living picture costume, with an inscription attached reading: "1894 parting with 1895," etc.

—The band serenaded several of our citizens on Christmas day, and some of our generous and public spirited ones presented the boys with $16.50 in cash. It was a cold and blustery day, but the band boys never let up, but continued to execute some very fine music. The medley of sacred music rendered in front of the Sprague building was highly appreciated by all who heard it, and speaks well for our band boys.

—There is a great, strapping, able-bodied man up near Palmerville who has written several letters lately, signing himself a widow with two small children in very poor circumstances, asking charity. In one letter he signs himself Mrs. Murray, in another letter Mrs. Cole and still another Mrs. Werten. In two of the letters it was claimed the boy had cut his hand very badly; the third one it was a foot that is injured. These letters are all in the same hand writing and written in a very religious strain, saying "God will surely bless the giver." The needy poor should always be assisted, but this is evidently a case of fraud and the person should be exposed and given his just deserts.

—Friday, Dec. 21st, Miss Burch had a school exhibition in room No. 1. About 25 visitors were present, mostly ladies, who were highly entertained by the exercises of the little children. The flag salute was grand, every motion being in perfect harmony with the singing. The speaking was very clear and distinct. Edna Church sang a beautiful piece, her voice being remarkably good for one so small. In fact every performance was of a pleasing character. Too much praise cannot be given Miss Burch for the efficient management of her little scholars. Evidently she loves her scholars, and there is no question that her affection is returned. It is a rare treat to see such a large body of little folks so thoroughly drilled as were the occupants of room No. 1. We were shown the slates of all the scholars with drawings, and the larger portion of them would be a credit to grown-up people. We are inclined to think it would be a good plan to elect ladies to the position of school directors, as there was not one of the board present at the exhibition, and they certainly missed a rare treat.

Another Veteran Gone Home.

Sargeant E. P. Pratt died at his home on King street, Monday night after an illness lasting over six months. Mr. Pratt was born in Erie county, N. Y., on the 3d day of January, 1830. If he had lived three days longer he would have been sixty-five years of age. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 111th Penna. Vol; enlisted July 1, 1863, in Company E, 16th N. Y. Cav; entire length of service in the army, three years and six months; was discharged from service Aug. 17, 1865. He has been a resident of McKean county for about 30 years, and of Smethport for about 21 years. Mr. Pratt was a charter member of McKean Post, No. 317, G. A. R., mustered in June 21, 1883; at the time of his death he was sargeant of the Post. The funeral was held on Wednesday at 2 p. m., at the M. E. church under the auspices of the G. A. R., Rev J. W. Sanborn preaching the sermon. The remains were placed in Rose Hill cemetery. The departed soldier leaves a wife and two children—a son and daughter—to mourn his departure. The son, unmarried, is at home, and the daughter, Mrs. Shoemaker, living at State Line Mills.

Thus has another of our nation's defenders responded to the call of the great Commander of the universe. We cherish the memory of those brave men who bared their breasts to the nation's danger, and like heroes endured every hardship that was placed upon them, that we, who followed after, might enjoy the fruits of their service. Rest in peace.

Death of Mrs. Agnes King.

Mrs. Agnes King died at home on Water street, on Monday evening last at 8 o'clock, of paralysis.

Deceased was born in County Kerry, Ireland, on April, 15th, 1818. She came to this country fifteen years later and has since been a resident of Smethport and its immediate vicinity. Mrs. King has been a life-long member of the Catholic church, and was highly respected and beloved by all who knew her. She was first stricken with paralysis two years ago, and has been, since that time nearly helpless. The latest shock which ultimately caused her death occurred four weeks ago.

This estimable lady leaves behind four children, two sons, William and Edward, of Merrill, Wis., and two daughters, Mrs. Mary A. Knickerbocker and Mrs. Katherine Horner, of Glen Hazel, Pa. Four grandchildren also survive to mourn their loss, Marion and Mildred Horner, and Mrs. A. H. Gallup, of Glen Hazel, and Miss Nellie Knickerbocker, of Williamsport, Pa. Deceased was a sister of the well known citizen of Keating township, James Daly.

The funeral service were held at 10 a. m., Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's church, Rev. J. J. Galligan, officiating. A number of friends and acquaintances followed the remains to St. Elizabeth's cemetery.

Three Drowned at Carrollton.

On Dec 22d three brothers, William, Charles and Edward Macbo, aged respectively 22, 19 and 17, attempted to cross the Allegany river five miles below Olean in an old boat. It was a pitch dark and the river was full of anchor ice. The boat capsized in mid stream and the occupants were drowned. The boys were on their way home from the village of Portville, just across the river.

Strange as it may seem, no search was instituted until last Saturday. Wednesday the river thaws over. The family thought that the boys had gone to visit relatives in an adjoining county and not until yesterday did they learn that they were not there. This morning a crowd of neighbors began chopping holes in the ice opposite the boat landing. Just after noon two bodies were found and at dark the third one was taken from the river. The boat was found lodged on an island half a mile below where the bodies were found.

The young men were employed in the lumber woods and two of them were expert swimmers. The clothes was found nearest the shore. His heavy boots had been removed and his features showed that he had made a desperate life struggle. The river at that point is 250 feet wide and ten feet deep. The accident happened within 300 feet of the home of the oldest victim. He lived with his father-in-law, whose home is on the bank of the river.—*Ex.*

In case of hard cold nothing will relieve the breathing so quickly as to rub Arnica & Oil Liniment on the chest.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NOTES.

We would deem it a favor if those having items in this column would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

J. G. Williams visited Olean on Monday last.

Col. L. Rogers went to Harrisburg on Monday.

Rev. J. H. McCandless visited Eldred on Monday.

Mrs. Thos. Wahsman, of Eldred, visited the hub Monday.

A. N. Heard, of Bradford, transacted business here Monday.

Paul Hamlin is home from Yale, spending the holidays.

Will Ostrander greeted his many Eldred friends on Monday.

W. A. Ostrander and G. H. Sprague left yesterday for Buffalo.

Mose M. Coleman and wife, returned home on Wednesday night.

R. B. McQuiston and son, Ira, of Bixford, were in town Monday.

Miss Lena Lesser, of Warren, is the guest of Miss H. de Grumbloo.

A. T. Palmer was circulating among his Eldred friends on Monday.

Misses Anna and Eugenia Tracy spent New Year's at Keating Summit.

Raymond Yoder is home from Trinity College for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Greer and daughter paid Olean a visit on Monday.

C. W. Taylor, of Tunes, called and renewed his subscription yesterday.

M. C. Field and M. Lawler, of Port Allegany, were in town on Monday.

Judge H. C. Dornan and wife of Coudersport, spent New Year's in Buffalo.

John Fobes and wife, of Olean, visited D. C. Young and family over New Year's.

I. T. Lenox and Peter Wagner, of Mt. Alton, transacted business here Monday.

S. D. Weaver, E. E. Miller and C. E. Judd drove over from Bradford yesterday.

Ebenezer Graham and wife, of Naples, N. Y., are visiting at the Methodist parsonage.

H. C. Gleason leaves to-morrow for the Oberlin School of Photography at Oberlin, Ohio.

Miss Addie Walters has been assisting in Holmes & Gilfillan's office during the past week.

Miss Cora Stulb, of Bradford, visited her parents at East Smethport on New Year's day.

Ned Newman came home from his school at Buffalo to spend his vacation with his mother.

Miss Bessie Shook, who attends school at Fredonia, spent the holidays at her home on Bank street.

Mrs. Emma Sprague and daughter, Rose, of Buffalo, are visiting relatives here during the holidays.

Arthur B. Mann, the hustling insurance man of Coudersport, paid our office a friendly visit yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bladon, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin De Young, all of Kane, were guests at the Central on Monday.

Commodore Pierce, who has been at work in Austin for some time past, celebrated New Year's in town.

Messrs. O. S. Garrettson and F. H. Goodyear, of Buffalo, were registered at the Wright House on New Year's day.

County Auditors Rice and Brown, of Eldred, were in town the first day of the year, but returned home to meet on the 7th.

R. C. Lee will spend about three months at Spring Mills, N. Y., where he has the agency for a large bridge company.

A number of our young people gathered at the residence of Mr. McCandless on Monday night and had a most enjoyable time.

Miss Maybell Burdick, of Norwich, Pa., spent Sunday with friends in town. She left on Monday for Clarion, where she is attending school.

Hon. W. E. Burdick, of Bradford, went to Philadelphia on Saturday night last, and attended the opening of the State Legislature on Monday.

Leon Larrabee, of Coudersport, and Ned Davenport, of Olean, were guests at the Grand Central the first of the week, and made the MINER office a very pleasant call.

Editor Northrup, of the Kane *Republican*, was in town on Monday, looking up delinquent subscribers, and meeting with very good success. Call again, brother.

Hon. Willard White and son, Lawrence, arrived on Monday night from Warren. Mr. White has been sick about two weeks, but is now able to be about again, he having had a tussle with la grip.

Rev. G. W. Hallwell went to Simpson on Wednesday to perform the ceremony at the wedding of Arthur Baldwin, of Noblestown, Pa., and Miss Sadie Hancock, of Simpson. The groom is a brother of Attorney F. E. Baldwin, late of this town. Frank is on the anxious seat himself, but his bashfulness keeps him back.

Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas entertainment at the Baptist church on Monday evening was one of the most successful and pleasant affairs ever given there. It was a cantata, and contained some very pretty music, which was well rendered, especially by the little ones.

The entertainment at the M. E. church was also a delightful affair, embracing solos, quartets, duets, recitations and other musical and literary numbers. Besides attending to the pleasure of the little ones, the young ladies of the church sent out baskets of provision and clothing to make glad the hearts of those less fortunately situated, so far as this world's goods are concerned. One of the young ladies, speaking of this branch of work, said there was more satisfaction in it than was to be found in anything she had ever been engaged in. Truly, 'tis more blessed to give than to receive.

At St. Luke's the chimes commenced ringing at 7:30 a. m., and a large congregation was present to receive communion. This was followed by another service at 10:30, which was largely attended, and included some of the finest music ever rendered in the church. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Albert G. Crawford, the efficient organist, who was untiring in his efforts to produce the best music, in which he was ably assisted by the well-trained choir. Mr. Crawford designed a fine silver medal, which he presented for exhibition at the morning service on Christmas eve. It bore the following inscription: "St. Luke's choir: presented by the rector to the chorister having the best record for each three months." After the services at St. Luke's on Christmas eve, the children and others went to the chapel, where a Christmas tree containing many presents had been arranged. At 4:30 on Christmas eve a service was held at All Saint's chapel, East Smethport, which was well attended.

The name of N. H. Downs' still lives, although he has been dead many years. His Elixir for the cure of coughs and colds has already outlived him a quarter of a century, and is still growing in favor with the public.

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Jour de L'an!

The Club Celebrate the New Year with a Ball.

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The long-looked-for and much-talked about Jour de L'an ball has passed and gone, and we doubt very much if there ever was a ball given where there was more solid enjoyment than the one just passed. The ball room was richly draped with evergreens and bunting, and the euphonious title of the club placed around the three sides of the room in large letters of evergreen, very artistically executed. The large globe center piece of evergreen and bunting, suspended from the ceiling, was very attractive in appearance, and showed that the committee of arrangements spared no pains in making the ball room as pleasant as possible for the visitors.

At half past nine o'clock the ball was well filled with richly and elegantly dressed ladies and gentlemen, and for about fifteen minutes the time was happily spent in New Year's greetings, and filling out programs. All assembled seemed determined to make the best of the opportunity offered, and there is no question but that they made a success of it. At a quarter of ten Kuhn's celebrated orchestra, of Buffalo, opened proceedings by sending out sweet strains of music in the "Aphrodite Waltz," by Juxone, when very nearly every couple in the room went sailing over the waxed floor in dreamy forgetfulness of all trials and troubles of this world. As the sweet music rose and fell the happy dancers seemed to waltz into oblivion. We venture the assertion that the opera house never contained a finer appearing gathering than was assembled there January 1, 1895. Waltzes, polkas, quadrilles and lancers followed one another in rapid succession until 11:30, when Comrade Wright announced that supper was ready, when a goodly number adjourned to that popular hostelry. At the foot of the stairs we found that Mr. Wright, in his thoughtfulness, had spread matting from the opera house to his hotel, to keep the dainty white slippers of the ladies from touching the snow.

The dining hall was richly decorated with bunting. At the east end of the room a large flag was artistically arranged in such a manner as to make a beautiful background. The tables were laden with everything palatable, oysters in various styles, turkey and chicken, and other delicacies too numerous to mention. Appetites were not lacking to enjoy the fine spread. Mr. Wright and his better half and daughters are deserving of the thanks of everyone present for their efforts to make this part of the program a feature of the evening's enjoyment. For over two hours the guests were going both ways, happily greeting one another as they met.

Mr. Latham, our popular artist, was there with his camera to take a flash-light view of the ball room with all its rich attractions, but the project was abandoned for fear that it might ruin the beautiful costumes of the ladies.

When the orchestra had been provided with the necessaries of life, the second part of the program was started by the beautiful waltz, "Venetienne," by Waldteufel. The waltzing was not quite as enthusiastic as it had been, owing to the fact that the feast had been enjoyed too much. But everybody present seemed happy. The stiff formality that ofttimes predominates at full dress parties, was thrown aside, and good fellowship and a determination to enjoy the occasion to the utmost seemed to possess everyone present. A large number sat upon the stage and thoroughly enjoyed the happy event, and when the strains of the waltz made was heard, it was hard work for them to keep their feet still.

We asked several of the young gentlemen present whom they considered the belle of the ball, and they differed in opinion so much that we concluded not make mention of anyone, where all were so handsome and richly dressed. Of course, a little bird whispered to us whom he considered the most beautiful lady present, but it is a secret, and we dare not divulge the matter, and not having our koak along we cannot give her portrait. The guests began to take their departure about two o'clock, but the greater number stayed until about four.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS.

Miss Maire, Miss Rogers, Mr. Edgett, Mr. Cable, Bradford; John Walter, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. King and daughter, Rose, Port Allegany; Olin Goodsell, Jno. Goodsell, Ed. Whitney, Mr. Ledgard, Mr. and Mrs. Fobes, Miss Sartwell, Olean; the Misses Sharpe, Mr. Sharpe, Derrick City; Mr. Black, Buffalo; Mr. Frierson, S. C.; Miss Griswold, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Miss Lesser, Warren; Miss Watson, Red Rock; Miss Folger, Geneva, N. Y.

Odd Fellows' Home.

The fraternity which exists among the Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania is being manifested by the way the orders are responding to the appeal made by the Odd Fellows' Home, located in this city, for assistance in conducting the home. Up to date over $1600 in cash has been received, and every mail brings a dozen or more letters containing funds which swell the amount. The home is one of the excellent institutions of the country, and the managers are doing good work caring for the little ones who are left without a parent's care.—*Meadville Tribune.*

Murderer's Sentence Reduced.

Governor Flower, on Dec. 22, reduced the sentence of Daniel Finley, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in the city of New York, and sentenced to imprisonment for life, to imprisonment for 37 years and two months, subject to statutory commutation for good behavior. This will set Finley at liberty on Monday next. He has served 34 years and four months. He was sentenced for the killing of a woman with whom he lived.

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Interesting News From Various Localities Picked up by Our Regular Correspondents.

PORT ALLEGANY.

On Saturday evening last at about 8:15 citizens were startled by fire alarm and upon rushing to the streets, the dwelling house Att'y C. W. Catlin, on Main street, on was discovered to be on fire. Star Hose Company were quickly on hand, and notwithstanding that many of them were without mittens or overshoes and the snow over two feet in depth they soon had two streams of water playing on the flames, which were breaking through the roof the entire length of the dwelling, and by almost superhuman efforts succeeded in saving the entire structure, with but a small amount of damage to the furniture. The building, however, is damaged to the amount of five or six hundred dollars. We are told that Mr. Catlin had $500 insurance on household goods with C. C. Ward & Son, and $1500 on building with Mandeville & Co., of Olean.

The popular landlord C. S. King, of the Sartwell house, gave open house to his many friends from 7 to 10 o'clock on New Year's eve. Every thing passed off pleasantly and Mr. King and his efficient clerk, P. Kilday, were at hand to see that each and every guest was made happy, thereby adding greatly to their popularity. Turkey, chicken, cold boiled ham, bread, butter, celery, apples, bananas, wines, liquors, cigars in fact every thing one could wish was there in abundance. Chet was happy as a lark and everyone was doing their level best.

C. E. Grover and Aden Burt have the contract of moving a large mill from Watsonville to Glen Charles for the Clark Bros., of Belmont, N. Y., and left for that place on Friday morning last. They are being assisted by G. E. Smith and Wm. Grover, of this place. Clark Bros. could not have placed their contract in more competent hands and may rest assured that Grover and Burt never failed to perform their work in a satisfactory manner.

Gibson Wallace, of Homellsville, N. Y., an old and valued locomotive engineer of the Erie R. C., was in town last week, visiting his daughter Mrs. Alonzo Lewis, of Skinner Creek. Mr. Wallace has been in the employ of that Company upwards of thirty-five years and yet appears hale and hearty. He is a very pleasant gentleman to meet and relates many interesting anecdotes of his railroad experience.

"At a special meeting of Henry Metcalf Post, G. A. R., held on Saturday evening last, the following named were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year; P. C. E. G. Bartle, S. Y. C., R. H. Camp, J. V. C., S. S. Steele, O. D., M. E. Hall, Q. M., C. C. Ward, Adjt. M. J. Hadley, Chap. S. D. Pickett, Surg. C. Wagner, O. G., A. A. Peling.

The genial T. J. Gilbert and family, of the MINER, passed through town last Monday en route for Coudersport, where they ate Christmas turkey with friends and relatives. Your correspondent is willing to wager that Joe's chin is still greasy from contact with "drumsticks" and other chicken fixens.

Constable W. R. Franklin and L. C. Horton, the genial proprietor of the Hotel Horton, drove to Austin on a business mission Saturday last.

Ex-County Treasurer John Shoemaker was in town for two or three days last week the guest of C. S. King at the Sartwell House.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davis, of Buffalo, were in town during the holidays, the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Bartle.

W. M. Holmes assisted in the post office during the visit of Mr. George Weber and family with Buffalo relatives.

Converse Hallock and wife, of Wellsville, N. Y., were in town last week, the guest of their Uncle, C. E. Grover.

James Wallace, of Corning, N. Y., was in town during Christmas, the guest of his uncle, A. E. Cummings.

Wishing the MINER force a Happy New Year and much prosperity, we make our bow to the year 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Young and son, of Coudersport, spent Christmas with their parents in this place.

C. C. Ward was elected representative to the Dept. encampment and C. N. Barrett, Alternate.

M. Grigsby and family, of Austin, spent Christmas with relatives in town.

N. N. Metcalf, of Austin, was greeting friends in town last week.

OLMSBY.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Carson gave an enjoyable dancing party at their new home Friday evening. Although rather chilly in the corners the dancers made up what the stove lacked and all passed a pleasant evening. Among the guests from out of town were Miss Newton, of Lafayette, Miss Dilger and Mr. Harvey Boding, of Simpson, Messrs. Will and Aleck Ryan, of Bradford, and James Moran, of Simpson. Monroe's orchestra furnished the music. Mr. and Mrs. Carson are capital entertainers.

The dwelling house occupied by George Downing and son, Roy, was entirely destroyed by fire last Tuesday afternoon. The fire had been very low in the forenoon and had been left burning in the stove and when the pressure came on there was no one in the house to regulate it. House and contents were a total loss as nothing was saved.

Would not a board of trade be a great help to our town? With immense quantities of cheap gas, good timber, excellent water and healthy climate manufacturers could not do better than locate here. Don't all speak at once.

The big snow storm of last Thursday was a great boon to the lumbermen here and in fact all over the country and they are all busy getting in their logs while it lasts.

General Manager McKenna of the B. B. & K. and Sup't Reynolds of the P. & W. were here Thursday looking after their respective roads during the snow storm.

The big snow storm delayed the freight trains Thursday but the passenger service was not delayed but little thanks to the efficient service of the snow plow.

We are to have a chemical wood factory here that will employ from 25 to 30 men. The building is in course of construction and is to be pushed as fast as possible.

Milton Means was thrown from his horse, while returning from Alton last week and sustained painful although not serious injuries but is now able to be out.

C. P. Byron is putting up rigs for his Nos. 4 and 5 and will commence drilling at once. He has very good defined territory and will bring in some good producers.

McKean and Backer are putting up a new rig preparatory to drilling on their lot. Contractor Hyde is doing the work.

If this were only leap year we might expect a sleigh ride but as it is we have to slide down hill on a hand sled.

The B. B. & K. R'y ran no freights New Years and the boys spent the day at their homes.

Miss Edith Newton, of Lafayette, is spending a week with her cousin, Miss Ormsby.

Christmas passed off very quietly here but nevertheless Santa Claus paid his accustomed visits.

A few of our young people took in the dance at Alton Tuesday evening.

W. B. Canes, the Devonian Oil Co.'s foreman, was in Bradford Tuesday.

McKean Bros. are shipping large quantities of bark to Massachusetts.

Mr. I. C. Boyner and family are visiting relatives in Clarion County.

Miss Lena Armstrong, of Eldred, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Chas. Fuller, of West Line, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Frank Pitcher spent New Years in Bradford.

J. T. Evans was in Mt. Jewett Tuesday.

MT. ALTON

Miss Anna Fleming was bitten very badly on the hands last Friday by a large dog. The animal was known to be cross and had already bitten a number of people. He was killed by John O'Conner after attacking Miss Fleming.

J. J. McCasten was injured very badly last Thursday by a falling tree. Dr. Clark, of Smethport, is attending him and it is hoped the danger is over.

Prof. H. L. Canon is spending his vacation at Orangeville, O.; Miss Gertrude Chambers at Moorheadville, Pa., and Miss Flora Bennett at Allegany, N. Y.

The Bon Vein Chemical employees presented their Sup't, Wm. Morey, on Xmas an elegant watch chain and a fine top ring of the Masonic design.

Mrs. Jerome Keesler returned from Smethport Friday where her little daughter had been placed under the care of Dr. Clark.

Mrs. Hilton and daughters, Margaret and Mary, of Randolph, N. Y. are spending the holidays with friends here.

Dr. Williamson and wife returned last Friday from spending Xmas with relatives at Canisteo, N. Y.

Rev. Crocker contracted a severe cold Xmas that kept him from his appointments Sunday.

G. H. Graff and son, Byron, have been visiting relatives at Townville, Pa. the past week.

Mrs. Joseph Wagoner, of Glen Hazel, is spending this week with friends in this place.

Mrs. Chas. Harding and son, Fletcher, were at the County seat last Wednesday.

Miss Della Aldrich is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hile, of DeBois.

Any amount of fun at the masquerade ball Tuesday night.

Mrs. Stauffer took a trip to Bradford last Saturday.

I. T. Lenox went to Smethport Monday.

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The Clown and the Missionary.

By VIOLA ROSEBORO.

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It was a sunny May morning, and the Baltic was steaming out of New York bay for Liverpool. It was the old ship's last trip in these waters, and she made it under special conditions. She was given up entirely to second class passengers, who, of course, as a result, had in some respects first class accommodations. The consequence was a social mixture perhaps a shade older and more varied than is usually seen. Two weeks before my friend Miss Mitman had happened to see this arrangement advertised, and we had suddenly and happily discovered that at the rates given we could afford to drop work (our painting and writing) for a month or two and together "run over to the other side."

We were on deck in that May sunshine, our hands full of flowers—for our friends had graciously ignored our lowly second class estate in their farewells—the bright waters dancing around us, the workaday world behind us, enchanted lands of romance and beauty before us, and at our elbows a new and heterogeneous representation of the dear, dull, supremely interesting human race. By the time we had spent an eternity of two days in a universe of water and sky we had discovered beneath the provallingly commonplace exteriors various pleasing features among our fellow passengers. The Irish ward politician's obvious moral heinousness, taken together with his tender devotion to a little sick wife, gave us an enjoyable incongruity We relished the simple and profound moral patronage we received from a trio of professional feminine philanthropists, well meaning souls, dripping with self esteem, who were going over to investigate the workings of some society for the promotion of some sort of good works. We delighted in their genuine horror of a stunning, bouncing, good looking young woman who was said to be an actress, but whose normal position it was perfectly clear, was at the head of a column of lightly clad amazons in a Kiralfy spectacle, and we liked her as a perfect specimen of her kind, but we had most pleasure in the simple admiration and respect we felt for a shabby, gentle, intelligent missionary from China, who was on his way to a great Exeter hall meeting in London, and in the curiosity aroused in us by a dumb, wooden youth with watery, pale eyes and a red head, who looked rough and "Cawy," and whom we irreverently saw sitting in his stateroom—it was opposite ours—reading a small Bible.

We thought it piquant when we found he knew the spectacular amazon, but that was but the beginning of satisfactions, for we soon discovered that he was himself a circus clown.

To look upon a little dull, faithful looking creature like that, to see him absorbed in reading a pocket edition of the Holy Scriptures and to be able to reflect that he lived by the violent vicissitudes of a sawdust bottom was a privilege that among other things, made me laugh till I cried Perhaps the step from the one expression to the other was shorter than usual

The sight of him gave me new thoughts as to the possible value of rites, of formal observances. There was nothing in his aspect as he read to suggest keen intellectual or spiritual activity On the contrary I could imagine him turning two leaves at once and being never the wiser or the less wise. The occasion was plainly one of rest worry, but it was equally plain that it was certainly observed with religious feeling, and without going into the gloomy question of how far religious feeling may be removed from a sense of moral obligations I felt very sure to such a boy as this, English or American, and unflattered by the public opinion of his world, the ceremony of Bible reading was morally conserving.

The third day out I did a highly reprehensible thing. I had seen the clown on deck as I came down to my stateroom and when near the open door of his I saw the bible lying on one of the theatrical trunks with which the place was filled. The temptation was irre-

The missionary handed them to her

sistible. I took it up and opened it at the front fly leaf Yes, there was the inscription in a half formed, schoolgirl ish Italian hand American schoolgirls wrote something like it 10 years ago

"To my beloved brother Teddy from his loving sister Emmy Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

I called softly to Amy and held up the page.

"How could you be such a brute as to call me a brute who was going to call me, but she stopped to avail herself of my misconduct and to read the words, and then we laid the book where I had found it and slipped away

"Yes," she said as we exchanged a look and a smile, "it would have been a pity to miss that because of any small scruples. And now you'd better stop. A little circus clown traveling over the earth like that is too picturesque an object for investigation. He'll never come up to the situation."

I thought she was probably right. Still my curiosity was not slaked.

During the several years spent by myself "on the stage" I had occasionally come in touch with circus people To some extent they recruit the stage, and though actors affect a great superiority there is a degree of common understanding and on occasion of good fellowship between all show folks. I consider myself to hold rather originally favorable opinions of the sawdust performers as compared to other nomads, but I am not accustomed to see religion flourish among any such class, except semiocasionally to the case of Roman Catholics. One effect of Puritanism on Protestantism has been to unfit it for many Christ-like ministration which the old church still better or worse performs. It was the loneliness of the little clown's religious aspirations that touched me most. I reflected on how many good people would be disconcerted to hear of them, on how many would feel that in some mysterious way such aspirations must irritatingly and unjustly weakened their own position of condemnation toward clowns and circuses in particular and the world, the flesh and the devil at large.

I smiled at the thought. I was lying on deck in my steamer chair, and just then the captain of the amazons, in much nautical splendor of blue serge and white anchors, whirled down the deck and collided in front of me with the shabby missionary.

The girl turned pale. It was pleasing to see the awe with which the cloth inspired her. In the confusion of her apologies she dropped a pack of cards. The missionary picked them up and with a kindly, faintly humorous smile handed them to her, and she got home if off expeditiously, though, so to speak, with much sail taken in.

It occurred to me that perhaps this preacher did not illustrate the points I had been making against the pious. We had arrived at a leering acquaintance, the missionary and I and now when he glanced my way I smiled my recognition of the moment's accident He smiled, too, and said, "When I first went to China, I found that for the work I wanted to do I must dress like a China man." The conclusion of his thought—was the clerical breastcloth might still interfere with his usefulness—he expressed only by a quizzical glance down the deck toward the young lady whose normal costume was tights.

Later in the long, fair, ocean girt day as the ship glided on between two still, blue wonder worlds—the water was like satin—Amy brought her water color box on deck and began to sketch

Everybody was on deck. The clown, with a white bell shaped soft hat pulled down to his ears and his hands in his pockets, was doggedly taking a constitutional and chewing a toothpick.

I was planning to use my past connection with the stage to help me to his acquaintance when it appeared that we were to win that privilege through a quite different appeal As I lay, drowsy with content, watching the dashes of color brighten Amy's pad, I became aware that Teddy Catty—that was his delightful name—was circling about us, his pale, white lashed little eyes blinking fixedly—if you will permit the paradox—upon Amy's work

I looked up at him amicably as he came nearer He touched his hat. There was a touch of the grotesque, something clownish in his very organization, and the way he touched his hat was faintly funny was dimly Andreylike He came nearer shyly, cleared his throat and said, with a very good accent and in quite the usual English way

"Beg pardon. I hope you'll excuse me for watching, but I take such an interest when I see any one painting."

"Do you paint?" I concluded my reply

"Oh, bo, no, no, indeed, but I have a sister who does. She paints wonderfully" Then, lowering his voice, he added hesitatingly, as if it were really too modest to speak of so much glory, "she has a picture in the Royal academy this year"

Now this was exactly what I wanted to hear about. Amy was painting as well She had recognized the clown's presence in a civil enlance only, so I encouraged him to draw up a stool and wait till her sketch was done.

I soon learned much of the little all that my week's acquaintance with him disclosed. The sight of a girl painting had melted him into a mood as communicative as a child's, and he only wanted a sympathetic audience to enjoy with him the music of Emmy's name. Yes, the heroine of the Royal academy and the dear giver of the little Bible were one—she was Teddy Catty's only sister

Let me give such an outline of their history as I can in orderly sequence

The father had been in charge of the workroom of a china painting firm "That a all knocked off now," said Teddy Catty, and he explained lamely and naively how people wanted 'high art" nowadays, and how consequently his father's old firm had gone out of business. His father had been with it 40 years, and "he died pretty soon after he lost his job."

The mother had been a ballet girl before she married, and she had numbers of relatives in various branches of the "show business." The children four of them, were all put on the stage in pantomimes and such things when they were little Of the family there were now left only the one brother and sister

No, Emmy was not on the stage not in no way Though his accent was so good the little clown's grammar was not upon a dull level of correctness. Emmy never exactly liked the stage, her mother never exactly wanted her to go on it, and just when they did not know what she should do she solved the problem the old way and married—married a scene painter at the Lyceum theater

"You may know by that that he's a good one. He was only in a small position when Emmy married him, but he's one of the head ones now Then, you know, he knew some real artist painters, and Emmy—she didn't have any children, and she thought she'd like to learn to paint pictures, and she did. Her husband a awful proud of her"

It was the fifth day out when, after much narrative that, as is the way of talk, did not advance the story, we reached this point

We were again on deck, and Amy and I were lying in our chairs gazing over a tossing dark sea as a red sunset, while Teddy Catty sat facing us.

"You wouldn't think Emmy was my sister," he said. "She's like another kind. She's a beauty and she's just like a swell, a nice swell, in her ways, and then she's good. My, she's good"

"Is she religious?" I ventured.

"Now, you know—yes—but then it's hard to say exactly what different people mean," and the boy gave himself up with grave pleasure to the serious business of accurately informing us as to Emmy's spiritual life. "She is as religious as she can be one way," he went on, "and then the other she only goes as far as she can without feeling as if she was throwing over the rest of us. Her husband he thinks religious people ain't his kind, and of course I'm nowhere with 'em, and Emmy can't make herself up to contract with them that despises us. You wouldn't believe what she thinks of me, you wouldn't indeed. So she just goes without religion except what she can get reading the Bible and"—half hesitating and softening his tone—"and praying. She says she believes we can be good that way She wants me to try She is good, good. I wish, though, she could be with real religious people, some kind. Our grandmother, one of 'em, was a great chapel goer She was an independent. I think Emmy would be happier that way."

He turned his face toward the angry gloom of the sea and the fading western sky, and we were all silent. What a comforting glimpse of human nature!

Presently Amy said, with an odd little accession of formal courtesy in her tone: "I hope, Mr. Catty, you have a picture of your sister that you can show us. I should like to know how she looks"

Yes, he had her picture in his stateroom. He wanted us to see it.

The limitless night was darkening around us in momentary palsations. We left the wild, soul searching scene for the petty, pretty glare of the cabin. While we were drinking our tea Teddy Caddy brought us the photograph.

It seems out of harmony now with the fleshly reaction from the infinite things of the spirit that had just come upon us. We had to give our poor flagging souls a fling to make them respond to the unconscious awe that looked, Madonnalike, upon us. You never saw a little child's face more deeply, simply serious.

The next day I took the picture to show to the missionary. He smiled benevolently as I told of the quaint brother and sister, but being a missionary and not an artist and seeing nothing to do for them his mind hastened to wander Yet once or twice afterward as he walked the deck with one of his small children by the hand—he always had one with him when he did not have two—he tried to join in our conversation with Teddy Catty, but when he saw the little fellow draw back overawed he readily enough, with a shade of relief perhaps, abandoned the gentle attack.

This trio was not often in session, so to say, for Teddy Catty was very modest and was scrupulously careful not to intrude upon us, but he was sure to be within beckoning distance whenever Amy was sketching. The slight exercised an absurd fascination upon him

It was easy to see that he regarded me as of an altogether inferior race of beings as compared to Amy With me he could talk on occasion, but to her he could scarce by more than speak when he was spoken to. This dumb shyness, together with his professional position, puzzled Amy

"Do you suppose," said she, "that he is anything of a clown, that bonest lit tle owl?"

In truth, there seemed nothing clown like about Teddy Catty except the clownishness of which I have spoken, the touch of oddity that made his identity seem a little humorous. But then I had seen successful comedians flourish on nothing more than a lesser degree of the same thing and I know, too, what is always puzzling to the world, that the possession of the technique of any art enables the possessor to mold into expression much of his nature which he may lack either freedom, will or desire to express in his life. So, you see, I was not surprised when my interest in Teddy Catty's artistic side was gratified by a chance verdict, but not a worthless one, that he was a good clown It came from the spectacular amazonian captain on the occasion of my first conversation with her It happened on afternoon as I was walking the deck that I stumbled, and simultaneously the ship gave a lurch, and I was thrown upon the histrionic amazonian breast. Upon such a provocation to unreasoning resentment her boundless good nature instantly asserted itself with pleasure in the opportunity, and then in an instant more she realized another opportunity—she would gratify a thirst for knowledge Having helped me to my feet she hurried to say

"I've heard Teddy Catty speak about you. He said you were in the stage yourself He's awful taken up seeing that friend of yours paint, ain't he" He decided proud of that sister of his a painting Did you know anything about him before he came on board? Did you ever see him in the ring? He's a good clown a very good one They say he'll get with Barnum next likely There's some fun to him—not as just as if you'd pulled a string—some opera. He can't sing much, but that don't matter for a funny man. I've been in some opera some, not a principal, of course, but I can get more with the Kiralfys and in pantomime over here," with a toss of the head toward the bow of the ship.

After having dreamed away half a lifetime in that little world upon the waters and having all but forgotten previous states of existence—at the end of ten days, that is—we anchored off Queenstown. There, according to expectation, we met a party of pleasant acquaintances of both sexes, and straight way we each—yes "—were transformed from the lofty spiritual patrons of Teddy Catty into such nothing persons more like conventional young ladies than some old fashioned people would suppose possible.

It is strange now to think how unimpressively on this changed mood fell the news that Teddy Catty at Queenstown had not dark sorrow A father had come to claim him his sister was dead. Not that we were indifferent. No, I remember feeling his bereavement with one of those appalling thumps of realization that visit most of us often enough to point the blessing of our usual dulling of stupidity But, after all this but stopping somewhere—as usual I think—came rather from a sudden vision of the tragic conditions of all life than from direct, single sympathy with Teddy Catty Poor Teddy Catty had all at once become a very remote little figure all but invisible, and there was so much to talk over with our friends. News was to be heard, experiences were to be exchanged and plans to be made.

It was a relief when his roommate, a young man—we know nothing more about him—came to me and with stammering misplaced apologies asked if I thought, if I supposed, that the missionary would not mind, or did I think he would mind— Does Mr Catty wish to see the missionary?" I asked, with a sense of relief, and I went gladly to summon him.

The missionary was, as usual, occupied with his numerous little ones His wife had been sick throughout the voyage and had scarcely left her stateroom.

He turned his bowed head a little from me as he listened, as if he were steeling himself against a personal misfortune.

"Yes," he said, "Teddy seems so little cut able of the ordinary ways of entering into and feeling about the religious life that I don't know what channel of usefulness would be open to him here He wants to come with me, and it seems to me it is a good step. Things are simpler out there About his coming back—I don't think he'll come back. I think in time he can be taken fully into the work If he does return, why, he'll have a fuller religious experience than he has now to fall back on"

And so, thanks some what to two modern young well organized go ahead philosophical doubters of the wisdom of foreign missions, that curious transaction came actually to pass, and the only circus clown I ever knew, without renouncing what I shall call his art, sailed away to China as a Christian missionary

No philosophical doubts could stop us from bidding him godspeed, nor have they quenched since that day a high degree of interest in Chinese missions.

Teddy Catty has not yet returned. We feel it would be piquant to see him again all his place in the ring but withal other than artistic sentiments will make us contented if the missionary's predictions come true, and the circus knows him no more.

THE END.

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ger force. But then, outside a certain savage, reckless daring and the ability to shoot, they were but soldiers, and, as we know, valor is not a substitute for experience and discipline Jordan's men bailed to fire at the species which with in less than 200 yards of the outlaws. McGee—I have spoken of him as "the old man" to distinguish him from his son, though he was not more than 50—showed himself the bravest of his gang He swore at them and called to them to stand when the soldiers again dashed forward, but as to stand meant a bullet or a halter many of the wretches broke away and fled into the hills.

When our men closed in, they shouted to McGee to surrender, but he answered by yelling them dogs and yelling for them to take him if they could In such circumstances quick work was made of the fellow, and he was shot down with the last of his men who had the pluck to remain with him.

An hour after this the horses and cattle, with the women, children and dogs, came pouring back into the valley. They had been herded off by the party which Collins so upbraided As soon as they saw the fight at an end up they went to their poor dead companions, which resembles very much the leaving of the western Irish to this day, and they forgot that they were prisoners in recalling that so many of them were widows and orphans.

Collins dreaded to meet Molly McGee even more than he did to fight all the men under her father, but he did not see her then or at any time afterward. Her companions said she had fled into the hills when the fighting began, but this certainly did not seem in accord with her character

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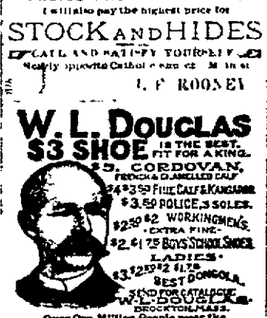

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5:50 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, Du Bois Clearfield and intermediate stations, arriving at Kane 8:50 a. m.

10:25 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and later intermediate stations.

7:05 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday Kane and intermediate stations.

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Train 1 leaves Renovo 6:30 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium 8:50 a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:30 a. m., Baltimore 8:45 a. m., Williamsport 11:55 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 7:30 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

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Daily except Sunday.

NORTH	STATIONS.	SOUTH
A M Lv		Ar A M
9 30	..... Ridgway.....	12 00
9 43	..... Johnsonburg.....	11 44
10 02	..... Glen Hazel.....	11 25
10 07	..... Spangler.....	11 15
10 18	..... Instanter.....	11 04
10 23	..... Smith's Run.....	10 59
10 32	..... Woodvale.....	10 50
10 40	..... Clermont.....	10 42

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, Nov 30th, 1896.

			STATIONS.			
a m	p m	p m			a m	p m
8 30	2 30	5 30	Keating	Dy	12 45	3 30
8 47	2 47	5 47	Cowley Junc.		12 28	3 13
8 55	2 55	5 55	Austin		12 20	3 05
9 00	3 00	6 00	Costello		12 15	3 00
9 10	3 10	6 10	Wharton		12 05	2 50
9 20	3 20	6 20	Hyde		11 55	2 40
9 27	3 27	6 27	Cross Fork Jc		11 48	2 33
9 35	3 35	6 35	Germania		11 40	2 25
9 40	3 40	6 40	Ansheim		11 35	2 20
9 50	3 50	6 50	Galeton		11 25	2 10
10 00	4 00	7 00	Antonia		11 10	2 00
p m	p m	p m			a m	p m
10 00	4 00	7 00		Ar	11 10	2 00
p m	p m	p m			a m	p m
10 00	4 00	7 00		Lv	11 10	2 00
7 45	1 45	4 45		Ar	8 00	10 00

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Time Table, in effect Monday, Dec. 16, 1895

AR. EASTW'D	STATIONS.	LV WESTW'D
A M P M P M		A M P M P M
1 35 7 50 5 15	Coudersport	8 30 1 30 7 30
10 47 7 54 5 27	Pine Creek Jct	8 24 1 24 7 24
10 47 7 54 5 27	Pine Creek	8 24 1 24 7 24
10 47 7 54 5 27	Fish Basket	8 20 1 20 7 20
10 37 7 44 5 17	Ole Crooked	8 30 1 30 7 30
10 29 7 36 5 09	Mina	8 46 1 47 7 47
10 22 7 29 5 02	Knowlton	8 53 1 54 7 54
10 17 7 24 4 57	Port Allegany	8 58 1 59 7 59
10 14 7 21 4 54	Shurtliffs	9 03 2 04 8 04
10 10 7 17 4 50	Keystone	9 07 2 08 8 08
10 00 7 07 4 40	Port Allegany	9 17 2 18 8 18

PINE CREEK DIVISION.

1 40 p m	Coudersport	9 30 A M
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